

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed in response to the Board's Decision on Appeal mailed December 19, 2011. In that Decision, the rejection of claims 1-5, 7-9, and 19 was reversed, while the rejection of claims 20-26 was affirmed. In response, Applicants are cancelling claims 20-26. Claims 6 and 10-18 have previously been cancelled. The cancellation of claims in this application is without disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and without prejudice to Applicants' right to later present one or more claims covering the subject matter thereof in this or another application.

Accordingly, only allowable claims 1-5, 7-9, and 19 remain pending in the application.

Therefore, in view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance with respect to all remaining claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if doing so would advance prosecution of this case.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-0960 for any required fees, or to credit that same deposit account with any overpayment associated with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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